

VILLAGE OF E. PALESTINE COUNCIL MEETING 2/27/17 85 N. MARKET ST 7PM

Mayor Margo Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Council members Alan Cohen, Don Elzer, Jim Tyger, Brett Todd, Mark Walker, and Dj Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers was absent, Finance Director Traci Thompson, WW Superintendant John Jurjavcic Foreman Denny Griffith and Clerk Misti Martin. We had Girl Scout Troop # 80775 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, recite their Girl Scout Law and Promise. The minutes of the 2/13/17 Regular Meeting and the 2/16/17 Utility Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. There were no department reports.

AGENDA: Ray Schwartz from NECO (water meter replacement). Mr. Schwartz stated he represents the company that supplies water meters and reading technology to the Village, he said the current meters have been in for over 25 years (the life of a meter is 20 years). The technology is drastically improving, he said there currently is a high percentage of unaccounted for water and these new meters are much more accurate and have the ability to read the meters every single day (and up to once an hour) as opposed to once a month which leads to better data for the village. Better and more accurate data will lead to an increase in revenue for the Village. In the replacement process they will approach the large meters first and go from there. He stated there will be antennas placed on the water towers and then the info will be relayed directly to the office. Mr. Schwartz said they have their own contractors to complete the change out, he said they would send letters and make appointments (30-60 min each) with an interruption in service of only 5 or so minutes. The installs will be done by one person; they will be uniform and have badges. The entire project should take six months, he said they offer financing to not start payments until a year after the project is completed. Mr. Schwartz stated on average they expect to see a 5% increase in revenue. Mr. Todd asked about transition with two types of software at the same time, Mr. Schwartz stated everything will stay the same and as the new network is added in it will go back into the same channels as it is today and they would manage all of the data as the project progresses. Mr. Walker asked if the install would be done in quadrants and Mr. Schwartz said yes. Mr. Todd asked about transmitters and Mr. Schwartz said there would be a transmitter on every touch pad. John Davis in the audience asked what powers the meter and Schwartz a lithium battery that lasts for twenty years. Mr. Walker asked about the cost of replacement, Schwartz said they are under a twenty year warranty, after the warranty it would depend but current cost for battery replacement is around \$105.00. Jurjavcic asked what the cost would be for a new build to purchase a meter; Schwartz said it would be around \$225.00.

CLERK: NO REPORT

MAYOR: NO REPORT

MANAGER: NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR: ABSENT

STREET: Mr. Walker had no report; Mr. Elzer mentioned looking at the infrastructure issue under the upcoming paving projects.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen had no report. Mr. Elzer stated Mr. Cohen talked about having a SPRC Committee meeting in conjunction with a Council meeting and asked where that stood. Mr. Cohen said the Park Board only meets 5 to 6 months out of the year and they are currently on hiatus, he said they will be having some reorganization with the new members. He said he feels they don't really have a sense of direction at this point so he plans to call a meeting for them and explain their function and what they should be doing. He said at that meeting he could suggest that the board attend a Council meeting. Mr. Todd asked about notification to Council of when the Board meets, Mr. Cohen said it is a public meeting so it was put in the paper and former member Larry Wales sent post cards to himself and Board members notifying them of meetings.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILITY: Mr. Todd stated the Finance Director requested that the legislation for the water meter project (Ord. 2 & 3) be voted on as emergency tonight as the quote she has on the interest rate is only good until tomorrow (Feb 28th). Mr. Todd made a motion to allow the Manager to have legislation drawn for the next meeting to proceed with MS Consultants on the sewer project; the motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Mr. Todd showed council a sample of sand that was being removed from the new Zuch Well (Re-developing of well), Jurjavcic said they will sanitize the well on the 28th and then do a flow test to see what the production is.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, John Jurjavcic, Denny Griffith, Dianna Elzer, Mary Anne Tyger, Jim Williams, Cpl. Brian Moore, Chief Josh Brown, Terri Elsea & Girl Scout Troop # 80775, Terri Ward, and John Davis.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 1-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending section 244.02 d of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine Ohio reflecting additional fees for motor vehicle accident and scene safety services provided by the Village Fire Department and personnel.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 1-2017 Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y 6 yes to pass. Mr. Cohen made a motion to amend the agenda to make Ord. 2 & 3 emergency legislation seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 2-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with NECO for the acquisition and installation of water meters, including necessary accessories and software system at a cost not to exceed \$700,000.00.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y. Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 2-2017. Mr. Elzer-n, Mr. Todd-y. Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 5 -1 to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 3-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into a financing agreement and execute all financing documents as required by Tax Exempt Leasing Corp to secure financing in the principal amount of not more than \$700,000.00 with interest at the rate of 2.89% for a term of 5 years for the acquisition and installation of water meters including necessary accessories and software system.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer -y. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 3-2017. Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer -n. 5-1 to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 4-2017 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bid the construction and paving of: East & West Grant, N. Walnut, Adams St., Sumner St., Liberty St., West Ave near the school, Rebecca St., Alley off of Market and North, village Park in front of the pool, & Ashley Lane together known as the 2017 street resurfacing project and to further award and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder as relates to the contract pursuant to the specifications and bidding requirements as determined by the Municipal Manager and in compliance with law.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 5-2017 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing a 2.25% wage increase between the Village of East Palestine and Firemen hired after March 1, 1999, and a 2.00% wage increase to the EMT hired after March 30 1992, and a 2.00% wage increase to advanced EMT, paramedics, part time dispatchers and part time patrolmen, and increase to the minimum wage seasonal summer outside labor park employees, effective January 1, 2017 and declaring an emergency.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH.